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SOUTHERN COMMAND

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Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

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The Southern Command currently has 22 sworn vacancies. 17 cadets will be assigned to the start of the August 15, 2005 training academy, 14 in Las Vegas and three in Carson City. The new hires will reduce our vacancies to a total of 5 throughout the Southern Command.

Southern Command personnel handled 1128 crashes as compared to 1012 crashes in July of 2004. This was an increase of 11.5%. Crashes resulting in fatalities dropped 53.3% as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 7 fatal crashes in July 2005 and 15 fatal crashes in July 2004. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 105.6% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 74 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were three fatality; 16 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 56 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 6.6% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1207 crash reports and 354 arrest reports during July 2005. This resulted in 7203 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers reflect a 13.6% increase as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services increased by 11.2% when comparing July 2004. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 23,163 CAD incidents and 33,857 telephone calls received.

The Southern Command had a increase in overall enforcement of 10.9% in July 2005, as compared to the July 2004. Total DUI arrests were up 26.9% as compared to last month, other arrests were up 30.7%, and total persons arrested increased by 23% as compared to July 2004. The Commercial Operations Section showed an increase in safety inspections compared to last July, up 34.3%.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties admirably, and have received a much needed increase in manpower as a result of the July academy graduation. The 23,163 incidents/contacts with the public in July can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes. These contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command has completed our move into the new facility at 4615 W. Sunset Rd. Personnel are excited and very proud of their new state-of-the-art facility.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

| | July-05 | | July-04 | % Change | | June-05 | % Change |
|--|---------|--|---------|----------|--|---------|----------|
| Total crashes | 1128 | | 1012 | 11.5% | | 1066 | 5.8% |
| Property crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 825 | | 720 | 14.6% | | 792 | 4.2% |
| Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 296 | | 277 | 6.9% | | 271 | 9.2% |
| Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 7 | | 15 | -53.3% | | 3 | 133.3% |
| DUI crashes [DUI charged] | 43 | | 37 | 16.2% | | 42 | 2.4% |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes | 6 | | 8 | -25.0% | | 3 | 100.0% |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts | 2 | | 3 | -33.3% | | 0 | 200.0% |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts | 1 | | 0 | 100.0% | | 0 | 100.0% |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts | 0 | | 1 | -100.0% | | 1 | -100.0% |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts | 1 | | 0 | 100.0% | | 0 | 100.0% |
| Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable | 2 | | 4 | -50.0% | | 2 | 0.0% |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes | 74 | | 36 | 105.6% | | 66 | 12.1% |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle | 55 | | 27 | 103.7% | | 53 | 3.8% |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle | 16 | | 9 | 77.8% | | 12 | 33.3% |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle | 3 | | 0 | 300.0% | | 1 | 200.0% |

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.6%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.8%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 75.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.6%
- ✱ Total crashes up 11.5% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 105.6% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes reduced 25.0% from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

| TRAFFIC OPERATIONS | July 2005 | | July 2004 | % Change | | June 2005 | % Change |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|----------|--|-----------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes ## | 43 | | 37 | 16.2% | | 42 | 2.4% |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ## | 174 | | 134 | 29.9% | | 140 | 24.3% |
| Other arrests | 861 | | 659 | 30.7% | | 776 | 11.0% |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) ## | 374 | | 304 | 23.0% | | 469 | -20.3% |
| Speed violations | 2715 | | 2523 | 7.6% | | 2496 | 8.8% |
| Hazardous moving violations | 1995 | | 1687 | 18.3% | | 1868 | 6.8% |
| Occupant restraint violations * ## | 511 | | 530 | -3.6% | | 540 | -5.4% |
| Total violations [above violations included] | 8874 | | 8001 | 10.9% | | 8381 | 5.9% |
| COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests | 71 | | 80 | -11.3% | | 33 | 115.2% |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests | 142 | | 274 | -48.2% | | 66 | 115.2% |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 819 | | 610 | 34.3% | | 893 | -8.3% |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only | 3 | | 5 | -40.0% | | 11 | -72.7% |
| Total safety violations -- citation | 151 | | 331 | -54.4% | | 158 | -4.4% |
| Total safety violations -- repair order | 1083 | | 2267 | -52.2% | | 1217 | -11.0% |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service" | 60 | | 160 | -62.5% | | 69 | -13.0% |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service" | 79 | | 66 | 19.7% | | 57 | 38.6% |
| Total school buses inspected | 58 | | 474 | -87.8% | | 0 | 5800.0% |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service" | 11 | | 80 | -86.3% | | 0 | 1100.0% |
| Total trucks weighed | 645 | | 541 | 19.2% | | 449 | 43.7% |
| Total overweight citations | 7 | | 113 | -93.8% | | 13 | -46.2% |
| Total dyed fuel inspections | 822 | | 616 | 33.4% | | 897 | -8.4% |
| Total dyed fuel citations | 2 | | 1 | 100.0% | | 1 | 100.0% |

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

| COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY] | Urban Ops | | Rural Ops | | Task Force |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|------------|
| Level 2/3 Inspections | 0 | | 28 | | 2 |
| Safety Violations Citation | 0 | | 22 | | 0 |
| Safety Violations Repair Order | 0 | | 104 | | 0 |
| Drivers Placed "Out of Service" | 0 | | 4 | | 0 |
| Dyed Fuel Inspections | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Dyed Fuel Citations | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.169%
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 31 years old.
- ★ 7% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance. (pending)
- ★ 3% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is up 10.9% from last year and up 5.9% from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is up 115.2% from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections down up 8.3% from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | July-05 | July-04 | % Change | June-05 | % Change |
|--|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION CENTER | | | | | |
| Radio Transmissions from Console | 114,330 | N/A ** | N/A | 87480 | 30.7% |
| Radio Tx and Receive totals | 409,342 | N/A ** | N/A | 368957 | 10.9% |
| CAD Incidents | 23,163 | 20,897 | 10.8% | 22176 | 4.5% |
| Telephone Calls | 33,857 | 39,485 | -14.3% | 31721 | 6.7% |
| Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only] | 134 | 157 | -14.6% | 166 | -19.3% |
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| FRONT OFFICE | | | | | |
| Accident Reports Processed | 1207 | 1103 | 9.4% | 1130 | 6.8% |
| Arrest Reports Processed | 354 | 449 | -21.2% | 433 | -18.2% |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 11 | 47 | -76.6% | 33 | -66.7% |
| Vehicle Impound Releases | 121 | 133 | -9.0% | 121 | |
| Visitors at Counter | 883 | 794 | 11.2% | 927 | -4.7% |
| Crash Reports Mailed Out | 7203 | 6342 | 13.6% | 6597 | 9.2% |
| | | | | | |
| COURT / WARRANT | | | | | |
| Warrants Received | 119 | 304 | -60.9% | 642 | -81.5% |
| Warrants Entered | 1127 | 315 | 257.8% | 154 | 631.8% |
| Warrants Cleared | 214 | 424 | -49.5% | 177 | 20.9% |
| Warrants Validated | 1249 | 1432 | -12.8% | 1147 | 8.9% |
| Extradition / Transports | 14 | 12 | 16.7% | 7 | 100.0% |
| | | | | | |
| EVIDENCE | | | | | |
| New Cases Submitted | 105 | 109 | -3.7% | 81 | 29.6% |
| New Items Submitted | 161 | 261 | -38.3% | 132 | 22.0% |
| Items Disposed | 6 | 1453 | -99.6% | 0 | 600.0% |

**Radio TX unavailable due to 800 transitions

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 11 Contracts requiring 332.5 work hours, billing \$20,084.00

EVIDENCE

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 93.3% of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 3.8% of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 2.8 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0% of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- 6 missions flown.
- 3 Prisoner transports.

COMMENDATIONS

- 4 from public to sworn
- 2 from Command to sworn

PUBLIC INFORMATION**Nellis Air Force Base Incoming Airman's Briefing**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. July 5th and 19th, 2005

HEAT program: Traffic Safety Classes:

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community.

Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety.

HEAT Racing Started

July 22nd began our first day of Practice at the Track. Several Troopers practiced racing down the strip. The Troopers also learned about the structure of the event itself.

The 4th, of July: stay alive campaign.

Over the 4th weekend, NHP had a goal to save lives. Education was instrumental in the success of this program. 12 extra Troopers were staffed over the weekend on roving patrol and at DUI check points. No fatal accidents occurred over the weekend.

Public Requests for Information: 65

10 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints
55 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

Press releases: 5

3 were Fatal related
2 NHP related: Rotunda Thunda exercise